

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Matthew Fuller

DEFENDANTS

Richard E. Pierson Construction Company

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff Delaware, PA
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant Salem, NJ
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

	PTF	DEF		PTF	DEF
Citizen of This State	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
Citizen of Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Foreign Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g))	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education	PRISONER PETITIONS Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty Other: <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act IMMIGRATION <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609

V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
- ☐ 2 Removed from State Court
- ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
- ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
- ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)
- ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer
- ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(1)

Brief description of cause:

Motor Vehicle Accident with Defendant as an out of state driver

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

05/31/2019

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: 1045 Toll Street, Eddystone, PA 19022

Address of Defendant: 426 Swedesboro Rd., Pilesgrove, NJ 08098

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: Edgemont Avenue, Delaware County

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: _____ Judge: _____ Date Terminated: _____

Civil cases are deemed related when *Yes* is answered to any of the following questions:

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|--|------------------------------|--|
| 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case ☐ is / ☒ is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: 5-31-2019 David Carney 310092
Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

CIVIL: (Place a ✓ in one category only)

A. Federal Question Cases:

- ☐ 1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
- ☐ 2. FELA
- ☐ 3. Jones Act-Personal Injury
- ☐ 4. Antitrust
- ☐ 5. Patent
- ☐ 6. Labor-Management Relations
- ☐ 7. Civil Rights
- ☐ 8. Habeas Corpus
- ☐ 9. Securities Act(s) Cases
- ☐ 10. Social Security Review Cases
- ☐ 11. All other Federal Question Cases
(Please specify): _____

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

- ☐ 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
- ☐ 2. Airplane Personal Injury
- ☐ 3. Assault, Defamation
- ☒ 4. Marine Personal Injury
- ☐ 5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
- ☐ 6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify): _____
- ☐ 7. Products Liability
- ☐ 8. Products Liability - Asbestos
- ☐ 9. All other Diversity Cases
(Please specify): _____

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.)

I, David Carney, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify:

- ☒ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs:
- ☐ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: 5-31-2019 David Carney 310092
Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

Matthew Fuller

CIVIL ACTION

v.

Richard E. Pierson Const. Co.

NO. 19-2376

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ()
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ()
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ()
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ()
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) ()
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. (✓)

Date

5-31-2019

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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

MATTHEW FULLER

1045 Toll Street
Eddystone, PA 19022

Plaintiff,

v.

RICHARD E. PIERSON CONST. CO.

426 Swedesboro Road
Pilesgrove, NJ 08098

Defendant

Civil Case No:

19-2376

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

CIVIL COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, Matthew Fuller, by and through his attorneys Green and Schafle, LLC, by way of civil complaint against Defendant Richard E. Pierson Construction Company, hereby states:

PARTIES

1. Plaintiff, Matthew Fuller, is a citizen and resident of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing at 1045 Toll Street, Eddystone, Pennsylvania 19022.

2. Defendant, Richard E. Pierson Construction Company is a corporation, partnership, limited partnership, incorporated association, unincorporated association, limited liability corporation, limited liability partnership, or other business entity duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey and has at all times engaged in business within the State of New Jersey and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on a regular, systematic,

continuous and substantial basis, with its principal place of business at 426 Swedesboro Road, Pilesgrove, New Jersey, 08098.

3. At all times material hereto, the driver of the motor vehicle that struck Plaintiff's vehicle and caused injuries to him as set forth more fully below, was a duly authorized agent, servant, workmen, and/or employee of Richard E. Pierson Construction Company's ("Pierson Construction").

4. At all times material to the instant Civil Complaint, Defendant Pierson Construction's employee was operating within the scope of his/her employment on behalf of Pierson Construction.

5. At all times material hereto, Defendant Pierson Construction had direct supervisory responsibilities over its employees, including the driver of the vehicle that struck Plaintiff's vehicle, who were acting within the course and the scope of their employment, master-servant, and/or agency relationship with Defendant Pierson Construction, when the automobile accident occurred that caused injuries to Plaintiff. Accordingly, Defendant Pierson Construction is liable for the negligent acts and/or omissions of its employees, as described more fully below, under the theories of respondeat superior, vicarious liability, master-servant, agency, and right of control.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6. The cause of action described hereinafter accrued in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Delaware County, which was the place of the motor vehicle accident which is the subject of this litigation.

7. Jurisdiction in this Civil Action is pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(1), as this matter is between citizens of different States, and complete diversity exists, and the amount in controversy is in excess of \$75,000.00.

8. Venue in this Civil Action is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(b)(2), as a substantial part of the events and omissions giving rise to this Civil Action occurred in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

OPERATIVE FACTS

9. On or about October 29, 2018, an employee of Pierson Construction was operating a motor vehicle with a New Jersey license plate “XDDJ86” on Edgemont Avenue in Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

10. At all times material to, Defendant Pierson Construction’s employee was operating within the scope of his/her employment with Pierson Construction.

11. At all times material hereto, Defendant’s employee owed a duty to all drivers on the road to operate Defendant’s and/or Defendant’s employee’s vehicle in a safe and appropriate manner so as to not cause a motor vehicle accident.

12. At the aforesaid date, time, and place, Defendant’s employee suddenly and without warning, pulled out into Plaintiff’s lane and right of way and struck Plaintiff’s motor vehicle, causing a collision that resulted in catastrophic injuries to Plaintiff.

13. As a result of the accident, Plaintiff suffered blunt impact trauma to his body, which resulted in a L4-L5 disk herniation that required an L4-L5 left-sided laminectomy and discectomy, L4-L5 posterior spinal fusion with instrumentation and interbody fusion. Further, Plaintiff had an intervertebral disc degeneration in the lumbar and lumbosacral regions, lumbar

region radiculopathy, sprain of the ligaments in the lumbar spine, intervertebral disc displacement in the lumbar region, and dorsalgia.

14. As noted above, Plaintiff underwent a spinal surgery on March 4, 2019 that required an L4-L5 left-sided laminectomy and discectomy, L4-L5 posterior spinal fusion with instrumentation and interbody fusion.

15. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions or inactions, Plaintiff has sustained great and extraordinary pain and suffering of the mind and body since the time of the impact of the accident.

16. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions or inactions, Plaintiff has sustained medical expenses related to the automobile accident detailed herein and the medical treatment that resulted from the injuries sustained by Plaintiff.

17. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions or inactions, Plaintiff has sustained past lost wages and future loss of earnings capacity as a result of the automobile accident detailed herein which caused catastrophic injuries to Plaintiff.

18. Based on the facts set forth above, Defendant, by and through its employee(s) acted with willful, wanton and reckless disregard for the safety of others, including Plaintiff herein.

COUNT I - NEGLIGENCE

Plaintiff Matthew Fuller v. Defendant Richard E. Pierson Construction Company

19. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the preceding paragraphs as though the same were set forth at length herein.

20. At all times material hereto, Defendant and/or Defendant's employee, who was acting within the scope of his/her employment with Defendant, was the owner and/or operator of the automobile that struck Plaintiff's vehicle and caused the aforementioned automobile accident.

21. At all times material hereto, Defendant and/or Defendant's employee owed a duty to Plaintiff and others on the roadway to operate his/her vehicle in a safe manner so as to avoid any automobile accidents.

22. Defendant and/or Defendant's employee was careless, reckless, negligent, and unlawful in causing the aforementioned accident by:

- a. failing to be properly attentive when operating a motor vehicle;
- b. traveling at an excessive rate of speed under the circumstances;
- c. failing to maintain a proper lookout for other vehicles;
- d. failing to maintain a proper lookout for other individuals;
- e. failing to regard the point, position and safety of Plaintiff;
- f. failing to maintain adequate control of the operation of the subject vehicle under the circumstances;
- g. failing to operate the subject vehicle in a safe and reasonable manner and failing to slow, swerve, or stop the subject vehicle when he knew, or in the exercise of reasonable care should have known, that unless he/she did so, his/her vehicle would strike the Plaintiff's vehicle;
- h. failing to warn of the approach of his/her vehicle;
- i. failing to observe the Plaintiff's vehicle;
- j. Operation of a motor vehicle without maintaining proper and adequate control;

- k. failing to apply the brakes and/or take steps necessary to avoid a collision under the circumstances;
- l. failing to bring his/her vehicle to a complete stop before colliding with the Plaintiff's vehicle;
- m. violating the laws and ordinances of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with respect to safely operating a motor vehicle on a roadway, including, but not limited to, 75 Pa.C.S.A § 3714 - Careless Driving, and others which may be learned in the course of discovery; and
- n. failing to exercise due care under the circumstances.

23. As a result of the accident, Plaintiff suffered blunt impact trauma to his body, which resulted in a L4-L5 disk herniation that required an L4-L5 left-sided laminectomy and discectomy, L4-L5 posterior spinal fusion with instrumentation and interbody fusion. Further, Plaintiff had an intervertebral disc degeneration in the lumbar and lumbosacral regions, lumbar region radiculopathy, sprain of the ligaments in the lumbar spine, intervertebral disc displacement in the lumbar region, and dorsalgia.

24. As noted above, Plaintiff underwent a spinal surgery on March 4, 2019 that required an L4-L5 left-sided laminectomy and discectomy, L4-L5 posterior spinal fusion with instrumentation and interbody fusion.

25. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's negligence as set forth above, Plaintiff has suffered pain, loss of life's pleasures, loss of ability to work and earn a living.

26. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions or inactions, Plaintiff has sustained great and extraordinary pain and suffering of the mind and body since the time of the impact of the accident up until the present day and will continue to suffer as such into the future.

27. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions or inactions, Plaintiff has sustained medical expenses related to the automobile accident detailed herein and the medical treatment that resulted from the injuries sustained by Plaintiff.

28. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions or inactions, Plaintiff has sustained past lost wages and future loss of earnings capacity as a result of the automobile accident detailed herein which caused catastrophic injuries to Plaintiff.

29. Based on the facts set forth above, Defendant, by and through its employee(s) acted with willful, wanton and reckless disregard for the safety of others, including Plaintiff herein.

30. At all times material hereto, Defendant acted willfully, wantonly and with reckless indifference for the safety of others on the roadway, including Plaintiff, and as a direct and proximate result, caused the above described severe pain and suffering, severe emotional distress, and severe mental anguish and harm.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Defendant in an amount in excess of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) Dollars, for all available compensatory and punitive damages to be awarded in accordance with applicable state laws, and in excess of the prevailing arbitration limits, exclusive of prejudgment interest, post-judgment interest, and costs.

Respectfully submitted,

GREEN & SCHAFLE LLC

Date: May 31, 2019

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